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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a committee to review and make recommendations for legislation for the General Assembly to consider concerning City of Chicago School District 299 and local school councils; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of the following members: one chairperson appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, one member representing the Chicago Board of Education who is appointed by the Governor, and one member representing an education labor organization representing teachers in City of Chicago School District 299 who is appointed by the Governor; and that these appointments shall be made by June 30, 2007; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the committee shall have the following duties:

- (1) to review the governance of local school councils, including without limitation training, resources, and the

1 best use of parents' time to assist in improving overall  
2 performance of students in each school a local school  
3 council represents;

4 (2) to review the policies surrounding dropout  
5 prevention to ensure that policies are in place that will  
6 promote student attendance and that there is a strategy to  
7 ensure students are in attendance on the first day of  
8 school; and

9 (3) to develop policies to encourage teacher and  
10 principal recruitment and retention strategies, including  
11 without limitation finding the best matches for the best  
12 skill sets; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee shall hold 6 meetings, one in  
14 each region of City of Chicago School District 299; and be it  
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16 RESOLVED, That after the 6th meeting has been held, the  
17 committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
18 General Assembly to give direction to the General Assembly in  
19 adopting policies that would address the priorities set forth  
20 by the committee in the report; and that upon filing its report  
21 the committee is dissolved; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 delivered to the Governor and the Chicago Board of Education.